

ABSTRACT**SCALE INHIBITION IN WATER SYSTEMS**

- 5 The present invention relates to use of compositions comprising: (a) a copolymer of an unsaturated phosphonic acid (or salt of such an acid) with an unsaturated sulphonic acid (or salt of such an acid) or an unsaturated carboxylic acid (or salt of such an acid); or (b) a terpolymer of an unsaturated phosphonic acid (or salt of such an acid) with an unsaturated
- 10 sulphonic acid (or salt of such an acid) and an unsaturated carboxylic acid (or salt of such an acid). These compositions are used to control the formation of scale in water systems.